

**Question for written answer E-008816/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Hugues Bayet (S&D)**

Subject: Operation Mos Maiorum

From 13 to 26 October 2014, a number of countries, acting on an intergovernmental basis under the aegis of the Italian Presidency of the Council, took part in Operation *Mos Maiorum*.

The official aim was to tighten controls in order to identify better the routes take by immigrants and to step up the fight against the criminal networks which take advantage of migrants and engage in people trafficking.

Many organisations which assist migrants fear that this was in fact a pretext for a huge police operation that actually had the effect of eroding migrants' rights.

1. Can the Commission describe Frontex's role in the initiative?
2. Does it have initial statistics on the operation with regard to the dismantling of people-trafficking networks?
3. Does it have any information about the observance of migrants' rights, vis-à-vis the relevant legal standards, in the course of the operation?